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SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—“ Before the close of question time, I would invite your attention, Sir, to the short notice question which was admitted yesterday. It is not answered to-day. We have got only one more day before us in this sitting.”

MR. SEAKER :—“ If possible, it will be answered to-morrow.”

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—“ In the meantime I have received information that the workers' organizations and the strike committees have decided to withdraw the strike but that the management is creating trouble by not opening the gates. If the question is taken up now, it will be convenient.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ It will be taken up to-morrow if possible.”

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Irrigation schemes in Visakhapatnam.

227 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many major irrigation schemes there are in Visakhapatnam district;

(b) what they are;

(c) what is the stage at which each of the schemes is at present; and

(d) what is the respective extent of ayacut that is expected to be irrigated under each of these schemes?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) A statement ^a is placed on the table of the House.

Lignite and steel industries in the State.

228 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) with reference to the exploration of lignite coal in South Arcot district and the starting of an iron and steel industry in the State, how many American and other foreign experts were consulted and on how many occasions between 1st April 1948 and 31st March 1952, with a brief summary of the opinions given on each occasion on each of the projects; and

(b) how much fees and other charges were paid to the American and other foreign experts on each occasion mentioned in (a) above from 1st April 1948 to 31st March 1952?

A.—A statement ^b is placed on the table of the House.

^a Printed as Appendix II on page 1759 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix III on pages 1760–1762 infra.

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Harijans as temple trustees.

229 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of temples (major and minor) district-war in the State and the total number of temple trustees in the State;

(b) whether Harijan members are trustees in any of the temples (religious endowments); and

(c) if so, how many and in which district?

A.—A statement^a containing the information is placed on the table of the House.

Salt manufacture in Nellore district.

230 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) with reference to G.O. No. 2737, Revenue, dated 14th October 1950, what are the particulars of lands used for the manufacture of salt in Krishnapatnam, Iskapalli and Woollapalem in Nellore district;

(b) the extent of land in each of the above places sold and the price at which it was sold per acre in faslis 1360, 1361 and 1362: and

(c) the extent of land in each of the above places leased out and the terms on which the lands were leased out?

A.—(a) The particulars of the lands are given below:—

Name of the village.	Survey number.	Extent.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	
		A.	G.
Iskapalli	1052-A	374	42½
Krishnapatnam	698	339	65
	696	162	30
	771	103	00
	772	42	66
		647	61
Woollapalem	709	74	18
	697	225	70
		299	88

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Name of the village.	Survey number.	Extent.
(1)	(2)	(3)
		A. S.
Woollapalem—cont.	1	11 66
	600-1	0 30
	600-A	0 6
	661	9 65
	662	9 52
	663	8 49
	664	10 46
	670-B	4 44
	671	8 93
	672-C	7 51
	673-3B	0 1
	673-3C	0 18
	674-B	0 1
	677-B	5 58
	678-B	7 8
	679	8 67
	680	7 25
	681	9 00
	682	9 53
	683	8 54
	684-B	5 60
	687-A	1 41
	688-A	2 8
	689-A	1 39
		137 85
	Grand total ..	437 73

(b) No lands were sold during any of the faslis

(c)

Name of the village.	Extent leased out.	Terms of lease.
(1)	(2)	(3)
	A. S.	
Iakapalli	200 00	The lands belong to the Central Government. The lease is subject to the condition that no compensation will be paid to the lessee in case of cancellation of the lease.
Krishnapatnam ..	100 40	Leases are granted under the provisions of Board's Standing Order No. 24-A (9)(b) by levying the full competitive rent as the charge for the occupation. By full competitive rent is meant the rent which the site would fetch in the open market if offered subject to the conditions stipulated by Government.
Woollapalem	299 88	These lands belong to the Central Government and are leased out under excoise conditions wherein the licensee has got proprietary right over the land.

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Name of the village.	Extent leased out.	Terms of lease.
(1)	(2)	(3)
A. O.		
Woollapalem—cont.	137 8½	These lands belong to the Central Government and are leased out under modified excise conditions wherein the licensee has no right over the land. No assessment is being collected. But a land cess Re. 0-2-0 and excise duty Re. 0-3-0 per maund of salt is being collected by the Salt department.

Water-supply in Meppadi Panchayat Board area, Wynaad.

231 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum from Meppadi Yuvajana Sangham on 25th October 1952 regarding the acute water scarcity in the Meppadi Panchayat Board area, etc., and if so what action has been taken thereon?

A.—A memorandum presented to the Minister for Law on 25th October 1952 by the Meppadi Youth Association in the matter was passed on to the Board of Revenue for necessary action. The Meppadi Panchayat Board has proposed to make some improvements to the water-supply system by doing repairs to the pipe lines.

Irrigation works in West Godavari district.

232 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the total amount spent by the Government on irrigation works in (i) West Godavari district, (ii) Kovvur and (iii) Polavaram taluks of West Godavari district during the years 1946-51 and 1951-52?

A.—

	1946-51.	1951-52.
	RS.	RS
1 West Godavari district	33,20,921	18,77,753
2 Kovvur taluk	2,08,534	45,806
(Excludes the expenditure of Rs. 54,580 in 1950-51 and Rs. 2,49,595 in 1951-52 on the Kanur scheme which benefits both Kovvur and Tanuku taluks).		
3 Polavaram taluk	23,553	1,10,868

Provincial Highways in West Godavari.

233 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the names of works included in the Five-Year Plan for the improvement of Provincial Highways in each of the taluks of West Godavari district; and

(b) the amount spent so far under the Plan in the district?

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A.—(a) The work of widening the culverts in M. 7/8 of the Eluru-Jangareddigudem road in Eluru taluk has been included in the Five-Year Road Development Programme. It has not yet been taken up for execution.

(b) Does not arise.

Homœopathic dispensaries.

234 Q.—SRI K. SHANMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the names of local bodies which are permitted by Government to open and maintain homœopathic dispensaries;

(b) the annual cost of each dispensary;

(c) the annual cost of medicine for each such dispensary; and

(d) the number of patients treated last year in each?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The particulars are furnished in the following statement :—

<i>Name of local bodies permitted to open and maintain Homœopathic dispensaries.</i>	<i>Annual cost of each dispensary.</i>	<i>Annual cost of medicines for each dispensary.</i>	<i>Number of patients treated in 1952 in each dispensary.</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	RS.	RS. A. P.	
East Godavari	1,800	880 0 0	3,735
West Godavari	2,076	494 8 0	6,413
Ramanathapuram	5,540	871 0 0	11,891

Adult night schools.

235 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of adult night schools run or aided by the Government in the State; and

(b) the number of such schools for Scheduled Castes and Tribes in the State in the current year?

A.—(a) The number of recognized adult schools in the State on 31st December 1952 is as follows :—

(i) Under local bodies—591.

(ii) Under aided managements—2,019.

(b) Though no adult school is recognized exclusively for Scheduled Castes or Tribes, schools in cheris, etc., where majority of pupils is drawn from these communities or where they are run by the Harijan Welfare Department may be presumed to be schools specially included for Scheduled Castes or Tribes. The number of such schools on 31st March 1952, the latest date for which statistics are available, is 92.

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Agricultural development under the Five-Year Plan.

236 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the schemes of agricultural development commissioned by the Post-War Reconstruction Committee in the Five-Year Plan for the period 1945–46 to 1949–50 and the schemes which were actually taken up and are being worked in the said quinquennium by the State Government?

A.—A statement^a containing the required information is placed on the table of the House.

National Cadet Corps in the State.

237 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) how many cadets are there as on 31st December 1952 in the Junior Division of the National Cadet Corps in the State of Madras and in how many High Schools; and how many officers are there in the Junior Division of the National Cadet Corps; how much amount has been spent on the National Cadet Corps—Junior Division from 1st April to 31st December 1952;

(b) how many cadets are there as on 31st December 1952 in the Senior Division of the National Cadet Corps in the State of Madras and in how many Colleges, and how many officers are there in the Senior Division of the National Cadet Corps and how much amount has been spent on the National Cadet Corps—Senior Division from 1st April to 31st December 1952;

(c) of the cadet officers in Senior and Junior Divisions of the National Cadet Corps how many are teachers, lecturers or professors of schools and colleges and how many others who are not in the teaching profession;

(d) what is the scale of remuneration, scale of allowance, rates of travelling allowance payable to (1) Junior Cadets; (2) Senior Cadets; (3) Junior Cadet Officers and (4) Senior Cadet Officers; and

(e) the nature and extent of control over the National Cadet Corps in the Madras City and in the districts exercised by the Commissioner of Police, Madras and the District Superintendents, respectively?

A.—(a) Number of Junior Division Cadets on 31st December 1952—4,324.

Number of Junior Division Officers on 31st December 1952—130.

Number of high schools having Junior Division troops—76.

Expenditure on Junior Division from 1st April 1952 to 31st December 1952—Rs. 3,57,036.

(b) Number of Senior Division Cadets on 31st December 1952—2,546.

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Number of Senior Division Officers on 31st December 1952—65.

Expenditure on Senior Division from 1st April 1952 to 31st December 1952—Rs. 3,20,497.

- (c) All the officers are in teaching profession. Others are not eligible.
- (d) A statement ^a is laid on the table.
- (e) The Police Department has no control over the National Cadet Corps. Each of the National Cadet Corps Units is controlled by the Officer Commanding the Unit who is a regular Army Officer. The Madras State area which has been constituted as a separate National Cadet Corps Circle is under a Commander, who is an Army Officer, and he exercises overall supervision and control over the Units of the Senior and Junior Division in the State.

Admissions to certain Government colleges.

238 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to State—

(a) the number of applicants for admission in Government Arts, Medical, Veterinary and Law Colleges for the academic year 1952-53;

(b) the total amount of fee collected from applicants in (a) towards cost of forms and application fees;

(c) of the number of applicants in (a) the number invited for interview by the Select Committees appointed to select candidates for admission to the various colleges;

(d) the number of applicants out of (c) who were selected for admission by the Selection Committees and of those selected the number who joined the respective institutions for study;

(e) the rules, if any, regulating refund of admission fee in the case of

(i) applicants who are not directed to appear before the Selection Committees;

(ii) applicants who are denied admission to the colleges after interviews by Selection Committees;

(iii) applicants who though offered admission do not join the institutions to which they are selected for admission; and

(iv) the total amounts refunded to candidates in (i), (ii) and (iii) in 1952-52 and the number of applicants to whom refund was made?

A.—(a) to (e) A statement ^b containing the requisite particulars is placed on the table of the House.

^a Printed as Appendix VI on pages 1765-1766 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix VII on pages 1766-1767 infra.

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Hydro-electric projects in the State.

239 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 18 (155) given on 24th November 1952—

(a) the names of the river basins in this State for which hydro-electric charts were prepared by the Hydro-metric Sub-divisions of the Electricity Department so far;

(b) whether these river basins were selected solely with a view to furnish bases for constructing hydro-electric power generating stations in every one of these river basins;

(c) what was the total expenditure incurred for preparing the charts mentioned in (a) from 1948-49 up to date inclusive of establishment and supervision charges of the Hydro-metric subdivisions;

(d) of the hydro-electric schemes of river basins in (a) what are the names of the river basins in the cases of which construction of hydro-electric stations are considered likely to yield best and most economic results and what is the minimum percentage of net return on gross capital outlay on hydro-electric scheme that is considered necessary to term a scheme economical and likely to yield best results;

(e) of the river basins in (a) the names of those (i) in the case of which the hydro-electrical possibilities are considered poor; and (ii) which are considered likely to yield best and most economical results;

(f) what are the names of the river basins where new hydro-electrical stations are proposed to be constructed in the next ten years and the order of priority and what is the probable year in each case when the Government propose to ensure supply of power from these stations; and

(g) in the case of the hydro-electrical possibilities of the river basins of this State whether it is a fact that the Government have consulted experts of the U.S.A. and whether they have come to the conclusions about the river basins in (d) and (e) after such experts have furnished their considered opinion?

A.—(a) Preparation of hydro-dynamic charts (not hydro-electric charts) have been completed in respect of 74 river basins in this State. The list is too long to permit of mention of names.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) There has been no specific expenditure or supervisory charges incurred on the work since the spare time of the existing staff sanctioned for other purposes has been utilized to the extent possible.

(d) & (e) The normal criterion for an economical (or remunerative) project is the yield of a minimum net return of 4 per cent on the gross capital outlay (to

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cover interest charges after meeting operation and maintenance and depreciation charges) from the tenth year of operation onwards. Preparation of hydro-dynamic charts is only a preliminary stage in the objective and systematic study of the hydro-electric resources of all the river basins in the State and considerable further work such as correlation with rainfall and river flow data and detailed site investigation, will be necessary before any hydro-electric schemes can be declared as economically feasible. The classification of all the river basins as economical or poor, for the hydro-electric power development has to await the results of the hydro-metric surveys. For the present, the Kundah river basin and the Periyar lake have been found to hold out promise of the best and most economic results.

(f) The following new hydro-electric schemes are under various stages of consideration :—

- 1 Kundah Hydro-Electric Scheme in Nilgiris.
- 2 Krishna-Pennar Hydro-Electric Scheme (combined with the Irrigation Scheme).
- 3 Upper Moyar Hydro-Electric Scheme in Nilgiris.
- 4 Cholatipuzha Hydro-Electric Scheme in Malabar.
- 5 Kundipuzha Hydro-Electric Scheme in Malabar.
- 6 Kundah Extensions in Nilgiris.
- 7 Upper Bhavani in Nilgiris.
- 8 Niralapallam in Nilgiris.
- 9 Coonoor-Karteri-Kallarpallam in Nilgiris.
- 10 Kedarihalla in Nilgiris.
- 11 Kuttiyadi in Malabar.
- 12 Punnapuzha in Malabar.
- 13 Porandalar-Palar in Palni Hills.

It is not possible now to forecast the order of priority and the probable year in each case when supply can be ensured from these stations.

(g) The answer is in the negative.

Podu cultivation in the Agency tracts.

240 Q.—SRI Y. V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is “ Podu Cultivation ” or shifting cultivation now in practice in the Agency tracts; and

(b) what is the rate per acre, charged by the Government from such cultivators?

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A.—(a) Yes; “ Podu ” cultivation is being carried on in the unreserve areas of the agency in Visakhapatnam district, in Bhadrachalam and Yellavaram taluks in the East Godavari district and in the hilly tracts of Pathapatnam taluk and Seethampeta Agency of Palkonda taluk and Parvatipur Agency in the Srikakulam district.

(b) The information is as detailed below :—

RS. A. P.

(1) Visakhapatnam district (Agency areas)—

Unreserves of Golugonda taluk. 0 6 0 per acre.

Gudem taluk (lower agency portion). 0 6 0 per acre.

S. Kota agency—

Ananthagiri Mutta .. 0 10 0 per acre.

Kondaba Mutta .. 0 8 0 per acre.

(2) East Godavari district—

Bhadrachalam taluk .. 0 5 0 per acre for raising dry crops.
0 10 0 per acre for rain-fed wet crops in Government areas.

Yellavaram taluk .. Taram assessment which ranges from 5 annas to Rs. 2 per acre of assessed waste lands is charged in respect of cultivation of assessed waste lands. In respect of unassessed waste lands, the rate adopted is the highest dry rate which varies from 6 annas to Rs. 2 per acre.

(3) Srikakulam district .. Government do not charge anything for podu cultivation.

Retrenchment among Revenue Divisional Officers.

241 Q.—SRI Y. V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any posts of Revenue Divisional Officers were retrenched in 1952 in the State;

(b) if so, the number thus retrenched; and

(c) the reasons for the same?

A.—(a) Certain posts held by Deputy Collectors were abolished.

(b) & (c) A statement* showing the required particulars is placed on the table of the House.

Schools and pupils studying in Malabar.

242 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of children of school-going age in Malabar and the number that attend the schools;

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(b) the number of elementary schools and high schools in Malabar and the number under Government, district board, municipal councils and private managements and the number of children in each;

(c) the number of trained and untrained teachers of different grades and the number of women under different managements; and

(d) the amount spent by the various agencies for the year 1946-47 and 1950-51 and the amount given by the Government as teaching and other grants to the various agencies?

A.—(a) to (d) A statement^a furnishing the particulars required in clauses (a) to (d) of the question so far as they are available is placed on the table of the House.

Food levy rates in Guntur.

243 Q.—SRI K. VENKAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been received during 1952-53 by the Government from Guntur district for the revision of the food levy rates in Guntur district;

(b) whether any rates other than the Government rates have been proposed in the representations;

(c) if so, the rates proposed;

(d) whether any reasons for the revision have been advanced; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) & (d) The representations were made mostly in general terms either for complete exemption from levy or for reduction in the scales of levy explaining the bad conditions of agriculture and the consequent low yields in different parts of the district. A specific representation was also received by Government suggesting the following rates of levy in bags of 2 maunds per acre for Guntur district :—

	Above 5 and below 10 acres.	Above 10 and below 15 acres.	Above 15 and below 25 acres.	Above 25 and below 40 acres.	Above 40 acres.
Tenali taluk ..	3½	5	6	7½	} All surplus from land- lords.
Other taluks ..	3	4½	5	6½	

(e) The Government considered in consultation with the Collector of Guntur that the scales fixed for Guntur district were reasonable and that no revision was therefore necessary.

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House-sites for Harijans in Guntur district.

244 Q.—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been received during 1952–53 by the Government from Guntur district in relation to the acquisition and the grant of house-sites to Harijans;

(b) whether any cases of delay have been brought to the notice of the Government in relation to acquisition and grant of house-sites in the representations;

(c) the suggestions for avoiding the delay proposed in the representations; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government?

A.—The hon. Member brought to the notice of the Government certain delays in the Land Acquisition proceedings for providing house-sites for Harijans in the Guntur district and has made some suggestions in this regard. The question of speeding up the land acquisition proceedings has been taken up by Government in consultation with the Director of Harijan Welfare and the Board of Revenue and the matter is still under consideration.

Information to employees of Foreign Embassies in Madras.

345 Q.—SRI P. SHYAM SUNDAR RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued instructions to their officers about supplying information to officers and employees of Foreign Embassies in Madras; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will place the instructions on the table of the House?

A.—(a) & (b) I have already informed the House in reply to similar questions that the Government have drawn the attention of the District officials to the necessity of observing the proper channels of correspondence with foreign consular and diplomatic officials on any matter outside of a factual or statistical nature as would ordinarily be available to the general public. The Government have also cautioned the District officials not to be led into any discussion on political or administrative issues when and if approached by foreign consuls or others of that type, who could not be courteously put away.

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Harijan Welfare work in Tirunelveli district.

246 Q.—SRI P. URKAVALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total amount of different kinds of allotments and grants sanctioned by the Harijan Welfare Department for the Harijan Welfare work in Tirunelveli district during the period of Sri R. Subrahmanyam (formerly District Welfare Officer of Tirunelveli district, now Deputy Director of Harijan Welfare of Madras); and

(b) what are the details of expenditure for all these allotments and grants for different categories of works itemwar (such as acquisition of house-sites, burial grounds and formation of roads, sanction of scholarships, appointment of teachers, etc.), and sub-castewar (such as Pallas, Parayasa and Chukkiliyas, etc.)?

A.—(a) Sri R. Subramanyam worked as District Welfare Officer, Tirunelveli, during the period from February 1950 to September 1952 which falls mainly during the official years 1950–51, 1951–52 and part of 1952–53. The allotments sanctioned by the Harijan Welfare Department for the Harijan Welfare work in Tirunelveli district during the said period are given in Statement I^a enclosed.

(b) The particulars are given in Statement II enclosed.

Construction of new roads by district boards.

247 Q.—SRI E. K. SANKARA VARMA RAJA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the amounts allotted to the various district boards in the State for the construction of new roads in the years 1951–52 and 1952–53?

A.—Separate figures showing the amounts of grants sanctioned to district boards for formation of new roads only are not available.

A statement^b showing the grants given to district boards during 1951–52 and 1952–53 is placed on the table of the House.

Tungabhadra Hydro-Electric Scheme.

248 Q.—SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the plan of the Hydro-Electric Scheme of Tungabhadra and the full particulars of the plan regarding the power generated, cost, water utilized, etc.; and

(b) whether the above one is a continuous generating scheme?

^a Printed as Appendix X on pages 1769–1776 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix XI on page 1777 infra.

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A.—(a) & (b) The Tungabhadra Hydro-Electric Scheme as finalized comprises—

(1) A power-house at the foot of the Tungabhadra Dam with two 9,000 K.W. units and provision for two more similar units in the future.

(2) A second power-house at about the 15th mile of the irrigation canal near the Hampi ruins with two 9,000 K.W. units and provision for one more unit of the same capacity in the sixth year of operation and a further unit later on depending upon load development.

(3) A power transmission grid connecting the power-houses with the consuming centres in the Bellary, Anantapur, Kurnool and Cuddapah districts.

The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 733.01 lakhs initially rising to Rs. 794.41 lakhs at the end of ten years. The water utilized for power generation is taken from the reservoir formed by the Tungabhadra Dam. The scheme is a continuous generating scheme with a firm power output of 32,000 K.W. A seasonal power up to 60,000 K.W. will be available during the irrigation period.

Staff of the Secretariat.

249 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of office Superintendents in each department of the Secretariat in Fort St. George;

(b) the maximum and minimum number of clerks under each such Superintendent as per each department; and

(c) the functions of each such Superintendent?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement^a is laid on the table of the House.

(c) Please see the extracts from the Secretariat Office Manual placed on the table of the House.

Expenditure in Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district.

250 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Government for digging of drinking water wells in Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district, as per each taluk since 3rd March 1948;

(b) the amount granted as takkavi loans as per each taluk since 3rd March 1948;

(c) the amount granted as loans for purchase of plough-bulls as per each taluk since 3rd March 1948;

(d) the amount spent on Famine Relief works as per each taluk since 3rd March 1948 giving details of expenditure;

^a Printed as Appendix XII on pages 1778-1780 infra.

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(e) the amount spent on Minor Irrigation Works since 3rd March 1948 as per each taluk and when, where and how spent;

(f) the amount spent on gruel centres since 3rd March 1948 as per each taluk and when and where such gruel centres were opened; and

(g) the number of Famine Relief works executed through contractors and by departments directly?

A.—(a) to (g) The answer^a is laid on the table of the House.

Gruel centres for handloom weavers.

251 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of gruel centres exclusively for handloom weavers in each district of the State for years 1951-52 and 1952-53; and

(b) the number of gruel centres in agricultural areas in each district of the State for years 1951-52 and 1952-53?

A.—(a) & (b) It is presumed that in clause (b) of his question also, the Member refers only to the gruel centres opened for the relief of handloom weavers. Special gruel centres exclusively for the relief of weavers were opened only in fasli 1362 (1952-53). The following statement shows the number of such centres opened in each district:—

	Name of district.			Urban areas.	Rural areas.
	(1)			(2)	(3)
Anantapur	..	..	..	4	..
Krishna ..	..	..	..	1	..
Bellary ..	..	..	..	1	..
Kurnool ..	..	..	..	..	5
Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah	..	..	..	3	16
North Arcot	..	..	..	20	15
Tiruchirappalli	..	..	..	2	..
Chingleput	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	1
South Arcot	..	..	..	..	4
Coimbatore	..	..	..	4	7
Ramanathapuram	..	..	..	21	4
Tirunelveli	..	..	..	37	..
Salem ..	..	..	..	..	..
Madurai ..	..	..	..	5	..
Guntur ..	..	..	..	..	..
Malabar ..	..	..	..	7	..
South Kanara	..	..	..	2	1
Total ..				107	53

Barring a few, the gruel centres opened in the rural areas for the relief of weavers have since been closed.

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Travelling allowances drawn by Hon. Ministers.

252 Q.—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of travelling allowance and daily allowance drawn by each of the 15 Ministers of the Madras Government during the official year 1952–53;

(b) the amount of travelling allowance and daily allowance drawn by the Hon. Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly during the official year 1952–53; and

(c) the amount of travelling allowance and daily allowance drawn by the Hon. the Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council during the official year 1952–53?

A.—(a) & (b) The amount of travelling and daily allowance drawn by each Minister and the Speaker is given in the statement ^a annexed.

(c) No amount was drawn by the Chairman either as travelling allowance or as daily allowance.

Gruel centres in Hindupur and Kadiri taluks.

253 Q.—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of gruel centres in each of the following firkas that were functioning prior to 1st September 1952 and the number of gruel centres in each of the firkas functioning at present:—

- (1) Hindupur firka;
- (2) Chilamakur firka of Hindupur taluk;
- (3) Gorantala firka; and
- (4) Muhammadabad firka of Kadiri taluk?

A.—The information is furnished below:—

Name of firka.	Number of gruel centres that functioned prior to 1st September 1952.	Number of gruel centres now functioning.
(1)	(2)	(3)
1 Hindupur firka	6	2
2 Chilamakur firka	5	1
3 Gorantala firka	12	1
4 Muhammadabad firka	18	23

Villages not declared as villages under the Panchayats Act in Nellore taluk.

254 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the names of the revenue villages and hamlets of villages in Nellore taluk of

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Nellore district having a population of not less than 500 which have not been declared villages under section 3 (1) of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, and the reasons for the delay in declaration in each case?

A.—The names of revenue villages (excluding hamlets) in the Nellore taluk of Nellore district for which panchayats have not yet been constituted are given in the annexure^a. As census figures are not yet ready, Government have no information as to the population of the villages, the question of constitution of new panchayats will be taken up after the existing panchayats are all reconstituted.

Takkavi loans in Nellore taluk.

255 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number and aggregate amount of takkavi loans disbursed in Nellore taluk, Nellore district. (a) of less than Rs. 500 in each case, (b) of less than Rs. 1,000 and above Rs. 500 in each case, and (c) of over Rs. 1,000 in each case for the year 1952-53?

A.—(a) Eighty-three loans for an aggregate amount of Rs. 32,850.

(b) One loan for Rs. 600.

(c) Ten loans for an aggregate amount of Rs. 22,900.

Famine relief works in Penukonda taluk.

256 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of villages affected by famine in the years 1952 and 1953 in Penukonda taluk;

(b) the number of gruel centres started in 1952 and in 1953 April in Penukonda taluk;

(c) the number of famine works in 1952 and in 1953; and

(d) the number of coolies employed in March-April 1952 and in March-April 1953?

A.—

	During	
	1951.	1952.
(a) Number of villages affected by famine in Penukonda taluk.	92	93
(b) Number of gruel centres started in Penukonda.	55	20

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		During	
		1951.	1952.
(c) Number of famine works started in Penukonda taluk—			
(i) Public Works Department tank works.	11	0	
(ii) Public Works Department road works.	10	2	
(iii) Superstandard works	10	0	
(iv) Number of wells deepened under the Rs 150 subsidy scheme.	61	4	
(d) Number of workers employed in Penukonda taluk in March-April 1952 and March-April 1953—			
March-April 1952.	March-April 1953.		
(1)	(2)		
110,435	No relief works were opened during this period.		

Tiruchirappalli Food Production Committee.

257 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of meetings called for during the financial year 1952-53 of the Tiruchirappalli Food Production Committee;

(b) the number of times when the meetings did not transact any business for want of quorum;

(c) the number and nature of the recommendations made by the committee during 1952-53 to the Government and accepted and acted upon by the Government; and

(d) the expenditure on this account in 1952-53?

A.—(a) There were six meetings during the year.

(b) On five occasions the meetings had to be postponed for want of quorum. But the members present at the meetings carried on informal discussions about seasonal conditions and achievements under the Intensive Cultivation Schemes.

(c) Two requests were made at the meeting held on 28th February 1953. One was for the postponement of the recovery of the subsidy under the New Well Subsidy Scheme in Pullambadi and Peruvallappur firkas of Lalgudi taluk and Thathiangarpettai firka of Musiri taluk till June 1954 and the other was for the letting in of water into the Nandiyar channel from the Coleeroon as a temporary measure during the present season in order to save about 5,000 acres of wet lands in Lalgudi and Udayarpalayam taluks.

Request No. 1.—The Government have already ordered that the collection of loan instalments due in fasli 1362 be postponed to fasli 1363 in all the affected

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areas, which include 19 villages of Thathiangarpet firka. No concession has been granted in respect of villages in Pullambadi and Peruvallapur firkas. Following these orders recovery of subsidy loans under all the Well Subsidy Schemes has been postponed in all the affected areas till the kist season of fasli 1363.

Request No. II.—The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) did not recommend the scheme since any division of Coleroon water to Nandiyar would be detrimental to the lower down legitimate ayacut.

(d) The Government have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 448-2-0 during the year 1952-53 by way of payment of travelling allowance to the members of the Committee.

Construction of an irrigation channel to Ravulakollu and other villages in Siddhout taluk.

258 Q.—SRI V. CHIDANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government investigated the possibility of a project at Dharbakona near Donglasani and to lead a channel to irrigate lands of villages Ravulakollu to Zuvvalapalli in Siddhout taluk in previous years;

(b) if so, what was the result of the investigation;

(c) what the opinion of the Engineers was;

(d) the extent that was proposed to be brought under the project;

(e) the amount of estimated cost; and

(f) whether any other site was investigated and found more suitable to irrigate more acres?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The possibility of taking a channel from the left bank of Pennar to irrigate lands in Ravulakollu, Zuvvalapalli, etc., villages was examined and dropped in 1950, as it was reported that spring channels taking off from the Pennar were not much of a success, that the scheme would be prohibitively costly and that the channel would get submerged by the Krishna-Pennar Project when the latter was executed.

(d) The ayacut anticipated was 700 acres.

(e) About Rs. 5.6 lakhs.

(f) The answer is in the negative.

Alleged famine conditions in Pudukkottai division

259 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the report submitted by the District authorities with regard to famine and drought conditions in Pudukkottai division of Tiruchirappalli district for the year 1952-53;

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- (b) the steps suggested by the District Authorities; and
- (c) the steps accepted by the Government?

A.—(a) & (b) The Collector of Tiruchirappalli reported that consequent on the cyclone and rains of November-December 1952 there was no need to take up immediate action in regard to relief works in Pudukkottai division. The Collector, however, recommended that the collection of the kist due in January 1953, be spread over to February, March and April 1953 and the kist collected in easy instalments.

(c) The Collector of Tiruchirappalli was permitted to postpone the collection of land revenue and cesses due January 1953 in the taluks of Kolathur and Tirumayam. Subsequently orders were issued sanctioning special remissions to 137 villages in Tirumayam taluk and 143 villages in Kolathur taluk of Pudukkottai division. Orders were also issued postponing in these taluks :—

- (i) the collection of loan instalments due in fasli 1362 to fasli 1363;
- (ii) the collection of the unremitted kist of fasli 1361 to fasli 1363; and
- (iii) the collection of cesses due in fasli 1362 to fasli 1363.

Nurses in the Medical department of the former Pudukkottai State.

260 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of (1) male and (2) female nurses in the Medical department of the former Pudukkottai State service;

(b) how many of them in each category have been absorbed fully into the corresponding Medical Service of Madras State;

(c) how many of them have been given the Madras State scales of pay;

(d) how many of them have not been given the Madras State scales of pay;

(e) how many of them have been transferred outside Pudukkottai without Madras State scales of pay; and

(f) why they are paid the Pudukkottai State scales of pay and asked to do the Madras State quantum of work?

A.—(a) Males—3.

Females—8.

(b) Males—2.

Females—8.

(c) All of them have been allowed the scale of pay admissible to those with similar qualifications in the Madras State.

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- (d) & (e) None.
(f) Does not arise.

Recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee.

261 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee in paragraphs 249, 250 and 354 of their first report given on pages 76 and 100 of their first report, respectively;

(b) the number of cases, the names of districts and the number of villages covered, where occupancy rights were conferred on agricultural labourers “in occupation of the” present house-sites for over a long period of time; and

(c) the number of cases, the names of districts and the number of villages covered, where alternative house-sites were provided for agricultural labourers?

A.—(a) The matter is under examination of the Government.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

Assignment of land in Udayarpalayam taluk.

262 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received from the ex-service personnel in Udayarpalayam taluk for assignment of land year-war after the Second World War;

(b) the number to whom lands have been assigned; and

(c) the number of pending cases and the number rejected?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The information is not available with the Government.

Expenditure on capital works.

263 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount taken from Current Revenues and spent on Capital Works during the years 1910—1952 stating the particulars of the amount spent and the nature of the capital work on which it was spent?

A.—The current Revenues of the State are not generally utilized for expenditure on schemes of a capital nature. However, expenditure on small irrigation and industrial development works are usually met from revenues. The net outlay on State Trading Schemes initially recorded in the capital account was transferred to the revenue account during the years 1943–44 to 1948–49. The net outlay in subsequent years has been retained in the Capital Section, the intention being to transfer the

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net result of the transactions to the revenue account, after the accounts of the State Trading Schemes are finally closed.

A statement^a of capital expenditure met from revenues from 1920-21 to 1951-52 is *annexed*. The figures for the earlier years are not readily available, and it is not considered worthwhile to compile them.

Cash balances in Government treasuries.

264 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to place a statement on the table of the House regarding the cash balances and securities as on the 1st of every month separately for each district for the years 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953 with the following particulars:—

- (i) the amount of the cash balance in each treasury; and
- (ii) the amount in Reserve Bank or branches of the Imperial Bank?

A.—(i) The amount of cash balance in each treasury is the working balance kept at the treasury for day-to-day transactions. At the close of each year, the Government prescribe a maximum normal balance for each treasury for the subsequent year, which is about Rs. 7½ lakhs for all the treasuries during the period May to November (non-kist season) and about Rs. 10 lakhs, during the period April and December to March—vide statement^b annexed, relating to the year 1953-54. Actually, the treasuries have been able to work with a balance less than the prescribed normal balance. It is not considered necessary to furnish the cash balance at the end of each month for a series of years in respect of each treasury, as the monthly and yearly variations are small. Securities belonging to the Government are not allocated on the basis of districts. The value of securities held in the Cash Balance Investment Account of the Government as also on behalf of the earmarked funds for the State as a whole is given every year in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the Statement of Fund Accounts, printed as Appendices to the Budget Memorandum (See pages 146-157 of the Budget Memorandum for 1953-54).

- (ii) *The amount in Reserve Bank or Branches of the Imperial Bank.*—The amount held in the branches of the Imperial Bank of India is not the property of the Government. The transactions of the Government taking place at the branches of the Imperial Bank are taken initially against the Bank's own funds and advised by the Banks subsequently for credit or debit

^a Printed as Appendix XVI on pages 1782-1783 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix XVII on page 1783 infra.

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against the Government's accounts with the Reserve Bank at Calcutta. The cash balance in the Reserve Bank represents the running account of the Government with the Bank and it is not considered necessary to compile these monthly balances, as it will involve a good deal of labour which will not be commensurate with the usefulness of the information.

Medical and Health Department Stores in the State.

265 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) what are the categories and quantities and values of the medical stores and stores intended for use by the Medical and Public Health Department at present;

(b) the places where such stores are stored;

(c) the categories, quantities and values of the stores in each of such places as on 1st April 1953;

(d) whether any further indents have been made for such stores and, if so, for what categories, quantities and values; and

(e) whether the Government have any forecast of the variations likely to occur by 1st October 1953 in each of such places in the figures referred to above; and, if so, to what extent and the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) to (c) Apparently the Member wants these particulars for use in connexion with the discussion of the Andhra State Bill. It is impossible to collect the information in time for the above purpose. Further, the time and labour involved in the collection of the required particulars will not be commensurate with the result to be achieved.

(d) The usual annual indent for 1953-54 is sent to the Deputy Assistant Director-General (Medical Stores Depot), Madras, for compliance.

(e) After 1st October 1953, there will not be any appreciable reduction in the purchase of stores.

Grant of Government loans in districts.

266 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the amounts of loans given under the Agriculturists Loans Act or other special loans separately for each district?

A.—The information is not readily available and it will involve undue labour and time to collect it. The period for which the information is required has also not been stated.